

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 8, please delete the paragraph beginning on line 4, and substitute therefor:

The instructions 308 for determining available communication resources on the analog telephone line preferably further comprise instructions for automatically detecting 310 if a DSL communication circuit exists on the analog telephone line ~~[[316]]~~ 216 (FIG. 2). A DSL communication circuit exists where a DSL "dial-tone" exists, i.e., where a communication circuit capable of communicating data via a DSL modem is present on the analog lines. The instructions for automatically detecting 310 if a DSL communication circuit exists further comprise: instructions for establishing 312 a first connection between a first pair of lines (preferably either the inner or the outer twisted pair ~~[[312]]~~ 212 or ~~[[316]]~~ 214 (FIG. 2)) of the analog telephone line and the DSL modem; instructions for ascertaining 314 whether a DSL communication circuit exists on the first connection; instructions for generating 316 a second connection between a second pair of lines (preferably the other of either the inner or the outer twisted pair ~~[[312]]~~ 212 or ~~[[316]]~~ 214 (FIG. 2)) of the analog telephone line and the DSL modem; instructions for testing 318 whether a DSL communication circuit exists on the second connection; and instructions for storing 320 results of the ascertaining and testing steps as at least part of the available communication resources. The instructions for establishing 312 and generating 316 may further comprise instructions for switching the relay 210 (FIG. 2) between the first and the second connections.